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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SPAIN OF COST RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. CONSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO ENDED HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN APRIL 14. FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS TO TRAVEL PRIVATELY TO GALICIA AND BARCEONA BEFORE DEPARTING SPAIN. THE VISIT WAS UNUSUAL IN THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC APPEARANCES FACIO MADE, INCLUDING TWO SPEECHES AND THE TAPING (FOR BROADCAST LATER) OF A TELEVISION INTERVIEW. ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN THE VISIT, FACIO'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE BLOCKED HIS INTENEDED TOURIST EXCURSION TO BEARBY SEGOVIA,

2. TO ALL APPEARANCES, THERE WAS LITTLE OF GREAT SUBSTANCE TO THE TRIP. AS FACIO SAID UPON ARRIVAL RELATIONS WITH SPAIN ARE "UNIMPEARANCES". ONE THEME ON THE SPANISH SIDE WAS GRATITUDE TO COSAT RICA FOR ITS ROLE AS PROTECTING POWER IN MEXICO WHILE ASIDE FROM FACIOS PUBLIC STATEMENT ON VARIOUS TOPICS (SEE BELOW) THE COSTA RICAN SIDE SEEMED INTERESTED MOSTLY IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION SPECIFICALLY ON FISHING. REPORDTEDLY, A GROUP OF SPANISH FISHERY TECHNICANS WILL GO TO COSTA RICA LATER THIS MONTH TO SET UP A FLOATING LABORATORY
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3. IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS FACIO COVERED A BROAD RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL TOPICS PLACING HIS COUNTRY FIRMLY WITH THE WEST IN THE EAST WEST CONTAXT WHILE REJECTING DICTAROSHIPS OF ALL KINDS, SCORING THOSE WHO ZARE TRYING TO PERPETUATE THE UNJUST SITUATION EXISTING IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE", AND CITING THE CHALLEGE OF GROWING NORTH SOUTH TENSION

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RERESENTED BY THE CLAMOR OF 2 BILLION HUMAN BEINGS WO
WANT TO EMERGE FROM MISERY". ASKED ABOUT NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND CUBA HE REPLIED "WE CAN
TALK ABOUT THE NORMAL RELATIONS IN THE SENSE THAT WE UNDERSTAND
RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS REGIMES. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN NO WAY MEANS THAT WE APPROVE OF THE
DOMESTIC SYSTEM OF THE REGIME WITH WHICH WE ESTABLISH
RELATIONS" HE ADDED THAT " THIS RELATIONSHIP IS ALWAYS
CONDITIONED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON INERVENTION",. HE ALSO
SPOKE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CALLED "SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER'S
POSITION ON THE SUBJECT, SAYING THE PRESIDENT IS "TRANSFERRING
THE ULTIMATE VALUE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE REALM OF
INTERNATIONAL POLICY".

4. IN DISCUSSING HISPANIDAD, HE POINTEDLY CITED SPAIN'S
DEMOCRACY AS THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENT THAT WOULD MAKE FOR
BETTER SPAIN L RELATIONS AND GENERALLY BOOSTED THE
DEMOCRAZIATION PROCESS.STABLER

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